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In re Patent Application of:
Hiroshi Akita

Application No.: 09/863503

Art Unit: 1745

Filed: May 23, 2001

Examiner: R. Alejandro

For: PROTECTIVE MEMBRANE-EQUIPPED
COMPOSITE ELECTROLYTE, METHOD FOR
PRODUCING THE SAME, AND FUEL CELL
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated November 18, 2003 (Paper No. 10), finally rejecting claims 7-12 and 19, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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